GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-US CIVIL NUCLEAR DEAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of Indo-US nuclear deal;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to back out from the said deal;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, the efforts made or being by the Government to operationalise the nuclear deal;

(e) whether the Government has held any talks recently with the Government of USA on this issue; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) India and the USA have agreed on the text of an 'Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy'.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The finalised text of the Agreement has received the approval of the Cabinet. As negotiated by India in the Agreement, India will complete the negotiation of an India-specific safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Thereafter adjustment of the guidelines of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and the approval of the US Congress for operationalisation of the agreement will be sought.

(e) No.

(f) Does not arise.